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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band and Consolidating the 900 MHz Industrial/Land Transportation and Business Pool Channels
FCC Docket No. 02-55**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

This letter is to express Kankakee Valley REMC's support of the Balanced Approach Proposal as the preferable alternative to the so-called consensus plan offered in this docket. Kankakee Valley REMC is the not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative serving members in northwest Indiana and utilizing the 800 MHz band for radio communications.

Kankakee Valley REMC feels strongly that the Balanced Approach Proposal presents a considerably more attractive approach than mandatory rebanding, and a much more effective solution to the interference being experienced by public safety licensees and others in the 800 MHz band.

We advocate a combination of enhanced technical rules and private negotiations among effected licensees to resolve specific instances of interference rather than a needlessly complex, disruptive and costly rebanding.

Kankakee Valley REMC is further encouraged by Motorola's May 6, 2003 filing that discusses technical solutions that could improve public safety communications in both the near and long term. We encourage the Commission to more fully explore these and other possible technical solutions.

Sincerely,

Dennis Weiss
Chief Executive Officer

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